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SUBJECT: REPORTED COMMISSION PROPOSAL FOR COMMON IMPORT SCHEME

1. AGENCE EUROPE BULLETIN FOR FEB. 28 (NO. 1928, NS)  
REPORTS THAT EC COMMISSION HAS PUT NEW DRAFT REGULATION  
BEFORE MEMBER STATE EXPERTS WHICH WOULD ESTABLISH  
A CONSOLIDATED IMPORT SCHEME FOR THE COMPLETE COMMON  
CUSTOMS TARIFF. DRAFT REGULATION WOULD  
REPORTEDLY ESTABLISH FOUR CATEGORIES: PRODUCTS FREE  
FO RESTRICTION; PRODUCTS FOR WHICH ONE OR MORE MEMBER  
STATES MAINTAIN QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS; PRODUCTS  
SUBJECT TO SURVEILLANCE EITHER ON THE NATIONAL OR  
COMMUNITY LEVEL; AND PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO COMMUNITY-WIDE  
SAFEGUARD MEASURES. SIMPLIFICATION AND "IMPROVEMENT"  
OF SURVEILLANCE AND SAFEGUARD PROCEDURES ARE ALSO  
PROPOSED IN COMMISSION DRAFT. GENERAL EFFECT OF  
PROPOSAL AS REPORTED WOULD BE TO BRING ALL MODIFICATIONS  
(I.E., BOTH FURTHER LIBERALIZATION AND NEW RESTRICTIONS)  
UNDER COMMUNITY-WIDE PROCEDURES AND GIVE COMMISSION  
SOMEWHAT GREATER AUTHORITY.

2. COMMENT: REPORTED APPROACH SEEMS TO CORRESPOND  
TO MEYNELL VIEW, REPORTED PARA 3 USEC 2144,  
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THAT NEW SAFEGUARD PROVISIONS WOULD GIVETHE COMMUNITY

POWER TO CREATE COMMON COMMERCIAL POLICY AFFECTING  
THOSE NON-LIBERALIZED ITEMS STILL SUSCEPTIBLE TO  
MEMBER STATE QRS. AGENCE EUROPE REPORT, HOWEVER,  
MAKES NO CONNECTION WITH MTN ACTIVITIES, IN CONTRAST  
TO LINKAGE MEYNELL SEEMED TO BE MAKING IN HIS COMMENTS  
TO USEC.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER  
INFORMATION ON REPORTED COMMISSION PROPOSAL AND HOW  
COMMISSION STAFF SEE IT RELATING TO MTN WORK ON  
QRS AND SAFEGUARDS.

4. FOR WASHINGTON: COPY OF AGENCE EUROPE ARTICLE  
BEING HAND-CARRIED BY SMITH OF MTN DEL TO MATTHEISEN,  
STR, THIS WEEKEND. WALKER

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